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n application of: Shum et al.

Application No. 09/338,176

Filed: June 22, 1999

: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

RECOVERING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL

SCENE FROM TWO-DIMENSIONAL

IMAGES

Examiner: Allen C. Wong

Date: January 30, 2003

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- A Marked-up Version of Amended Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(b)-(c) is attached.
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Respectfully submitted,

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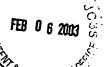
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FIRST AMENDMENT

With reference to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-37 remain pending in the application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

- 23. (Amended) A method of recovering a three-dimensional scene from a sequence of two-dimensional frames, comprising:
 - (a) segmenting the sequence of two-dimensional frames;
 - (b) identifying feature points in at least a first base frame in a first segment;
- (c) analyzing a second frame in the segment to identify the feature points in the second frame;
- (d) determining whether a threshold number of feature points from the base frame are identified in the second frame;